

# AHO Conference

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## Vienna - Berlin

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**PROGRAM**

**AHO**  
**Association of Holocaust Organizations**  
**Conference, Vienna**

**November 4-6, 2012**

**Sunday – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Arrival of the Members of AHO

07.00 pm

Reception – hosted by the Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture at Jewish Museum Vienna, Dorotheergasse 11, 1010 Vienna  
Welcome address by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education and Danielle SPERA - Director of the Museum

**Monday - November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012:**

**Mauthausen Memorial and Hartheim Memorial**

06:.30

Individual Taxis to Ballhausplatz, 1010 Vienna

07.00

Departure to Mauthausen (by bus)

09.30

Arrival at Mauthausen Memorial

09.30 – 11.00

Welcome address by Barbara GLÜCK Head of Department - Mauthausen Memorial of the Federal Ministry for Interior

Guided tour of Mauthausen Memorial (5 groups)

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30

The new pedagogical concept of Mauthausen Memorial  
Yariv LAPID - Head of pedagogical unit

12.30 – 01.30 pm

Lunch – hosted by the Federal Ministry for Interior

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| 01.30 pm – 02.30 pm | Transfer to Hartheim Memorial (by bus)  |
| 02.30 pm – 04.00 pm | Welcome by Director Irene LEITNER<br>Guided tour of Hartheim Memorial   |
| 04.00 pm – 06.30 pm | Return to Vienna (by bus)   |
| 06.30 pm – 08.00 pm | Reception, hosted by President of Parliament, Barbara PRAMMER,<br>Palais Epstein, Dr.-Karl-Renner-Ring 3, 1010 Vienna |

**Tuesday - November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**“Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research in Austria  
– Achievements and Challenges”**

Venue: Austrian Academy of Sciences,  
Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1010 Vienna;  
Theatersaal

09.00 – 10.00      ***Session I – “Perceptions of Austrian Perpetrators in the Austrian culture of remembrance”***

Chair:

Claudia KURETSIDIS-HAIDER  
Austrian Research Centre for Post War Trials

Presenter/Speaker:

Brigitte BAILER  
Academic Director of the Documentation Archive of Austrian  
Resistance

Discussant:

Till HILMAR  
Verein GEDENKDIENT Association for historical and political  
education and international dialogue

10.00 – 11.00      ***Session II - „Teaching about the Roma Genocide –  
Achievements and Challenges“***

Chair:

Martina MASCHKE  
Head of Department for international bilateral Affairs of the  
Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture

Presenter/Speaker:

Gerhard BAUMGARTNER  
Historian and Roma Expert

11.00 – 11.30      Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30

**Session III - „Remembrance Cultures in Former Perpetrator Countries – Differences and Similarities”**

Chair:

William Shulman  
President, Association of Holocaust Organizations

Panel discussion:

Hannah LESSING  
Secretary General of the National Fund of the Republic of Austria

Heidemarie UHL  
Professor at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Vienna

Adalbert WAGNER  
Chairperson Verein GEDENKDIENTST – Association for historical and political education and international dialogue

Bernhard PURIN  
Director of the Jewish Museum Munich, Germany

12.30 – 01.30 pm

Buffet Lunch – hosted by the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

01.30 pm – 2.30 pm

**Session IV - „Holocaust Education in Context. New Approaches and Challenges: Human Rights Education, Genocide Prevention, Multicultural Classrooms, Concepts of Totalitarianism” (findings of the 2011 Conference in Vienna)**

Chair:

Michael HAIDER  
Deputy Head Austrian ITF Delegation - Ministry for European and International Affairs

Presenter/Speaker:

Heidemarie UHL  
Professor at the Austrian Academy of Science and the University of Vienna

Werner DREIER  
Director - Verein \_erinnern.at\_

02.45 pm – 04.15 pm

**Optional:**

**-) Jewish Vienna – guided tour**

**Tour I**

Main Synagogue, Seitenstettengasse/Holocaust-Monument,  
Judenplatz

The Main Synagogue as historical area: from the difficulties of the foundation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jewish community in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to Jewish life in Vienna today.

Rachel Whiteread's Shoah Monument on Judenplatz commemorates more than 65.000 Austrian Jews who were killed during 1938 and 1945. The idea and its location invite to reflect about remembrance of the Shoah in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Tour II**

Walking Vienna

The tour combines Jewish past and presence: from the Main Synagogue in Seitenstettengasse to Morzinplatz, where the monument was built in the 1980s the walk leads to the „Mazzes Island“ - the former „Ghetto im unteren Werd“, point of attraction for Jewish immigrants before and after World War I. This district of Vienna has become a new place of living for Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Republics.

**-) Guided visit of the Documentation Archive of Austrian Resistance, Wipplingerstraße 6-8/3, 1010 Vienna**

Individual Departure to Berlin

Possible flights to Berlin (Departure-time Vienna)

05.45 pm

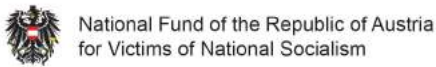
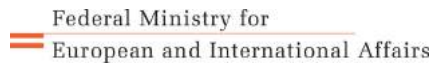
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08.30 pm

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**November 7-9, 2012**

**Wednesday - November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- 09.30 Meeting at **Topography of Terror Documentation Centre**,  
Welcome by Andreas NACHAMA, Executive Director of Topography  
of Terror Foundation
- 10.00 Tour through the documentation centre and exhibition  
(few groups with guides)
- 11.30 ***Lectures and Discussion about the approaches in the USA and  
Germany regarding the dealing with Perpetrators in Exhibitions  
and Memorial Museums***
- Presenters:  
Thomas LUTZ  
Topography of Terror Foundation
- Mary Lee WEBECK  
Holocaust Museum Houston
- Chair:  
Marcia Sachs LITTELL  
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- 12.30 Lunch
- 01.30 pm Walk to the **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe**
- 02.00 pm Visit of the Memorial and the information centre  
Welcome and introduction - Uwe Neumärker, Executive Director of the  
Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe Foundation
- 03.30 pm Walk to the Topography of Terror Foundation
- 04.00 pm Coffee break

04.30 pm

**Lectures:  
The Role of the SS in the System of Nazi-persecution**

Presenters:

Michael WILDT  
Humboldt University (Berlin)  
Reich Security Main Office: Young German Elites and Genocide

Jan-Eric SCHULTE  
Hannah Arendt Institute (Dresden)  
A Plethora of Perpetrators and Motives: Forced Labour and  
Extermination executed through the  
Economic and Administration Main Office of the SS

Chair:  
Klaus Muller  
USHMM

07.00 pm

Dinner

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

08:45

Departure to the **Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen** (by bus)

10.00

**Oranienburg/Sachsenhausen – Early concentration camp, SS-model camp and Internment camp: the memorial museum during the GDR and after the German unification**

Presenter:

Astrid LEY  
Senior Historian  
Horst SEFERENS  
Head of communication

Chair:

Richard Freedman, South African Holocaust Foundation

12.00

Lunch

01.00 pm

**Guided tours** with a general overview of the memorial museum and specific issues:

- a) The former concentration camp – presented in a decentralized museological and educational concept – Horst SEFERENS
- b) Exhibition: *Jewish Prisoners in Sachsenhausen Concentration camp 1936-1945* – Martin SCHELLENBERG, Head of the educational department
- c) Exhibition: *Medicine in the Concentration Camp* – Astrid LEY

04.00 pm

Coffee break



04.30 pm

Questions and Remarks  
with Astrid LEY, Horst SEFERENS, Martin SCHELLENBERG

Chair:

Thomas LUTZ

05.00 pm

Return to Berlin

08.00 pm

Dinner

**Greetings: Ambassador Victoria Maria ZIMMERMANN VON  
SIEFART, German Foreign Office**

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- 08:45 Departure to the **House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site** (by bus)
- 10.00 Welcome by Norbert KAMPE, Director of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site
- 10.15 Guided tour
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 Question and Remarks  
Teaching About the Holocaust in multicultural Groups
- Presenter:  
Elke GRYGLEWSKI  
Educational department of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site
- Chair:  
Wolf KAISER  
Head of the Educational department of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education Site
- 01.00 pm Lunch
- 02.30 pm ***November 9<sup>th</sup>- A Difficult Day in German History***
- Lecture:  
Reinhard RÜRUP  
Technical University of Berlin (em.), former Scientific Director of the Topography of Terror Foundation, Head of the Board of the House of the Wannsee-Conference Memorial and Education
- Chair:  
Susan Myers  
Holocaust Museum Houston
- 04.30 pm Departure by bus
- 5:00 pm **Kabbalat Shabbat Service**  
of the Jewish Reform Community Hüttenweg  
in the House of the Protestant Congregation,  
Thielallee, Berlin-Dahlem  
Service dedicated to the remembrance on the anniversary of the  
“Kristallnacht” on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1938
- Rabbi Andreas NACHAMA
- 6:30 pm Dinner

08.30 pm

Return by bus to Berlin-City, close to the Topography of Terror site

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